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## HOUSE BILL No. 1678

DIGEST OF HB 1678 (Updated January 29, 2007 1:00 pm - DI 77)

**Citations Affected:** IC 16-18; IC 16-21; IC 24-5.

**Synopsis:** Regulation of hospitals. Provides that it is an incurable deceptive act for a facility that offers health care services to use the term "hospital" in the facility's name or advertising unless the facility is an emergency medical service facility.

**Effective:** July 1, 2007.

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January 23, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.  
January 30, 2007, reported — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 16-18-2-111 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 111. "Emergency  
3 medical service facility", for purposes of **IC 16-21-2**, IC 16-31, and  
4 IC 16-41, means those facilities that are licensed and operated under  
5 IC 16-21-2 and that are equipped, prepared, and staffed to provide  
6 medical care for emergency patients.

7 SECTION 2. IC 16-18-2-163.4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
8 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
9 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: **Sec. 163.4. "Health care services", for**  
10 **purposes of IC 16-21-2-17, has the meaning set forth in**  
11 **IC 16-21-2-17(a).**

12 SECTION 3. IC 16-21-2-17 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
13 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
14 1, 2007]: **Sec. 17. (a) As used in this section, "health care services"**  
15 **has the meaning set forth in IC 27-8-10-1(p).**

16 **(b) A facility that offers health care services may not use the**  
17 **term "hospital" or an abbreviation of the term in the facility's**

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1     **name or advertising unless the facility is an emergency medical**  
2     **service facility.**

3         **(c) A facility that violates subsection (b) commits an incurable**  
4     **deceptive act under IC 24-5-0.5-13.**

5         SECTION 4. IC 24-5-0.5-13 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
6     AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
7     1, 2007]: **Sec. 13. A violation of IC 16-21-2-17 is an incurable**  
8     **deceptive act under this chapter.**

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Public Health, to which was referred House Bill 1678, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

BROWN C, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 8, nays 3.

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